

Abstract

5 A process is proposed for preparing acid formates in which

- a liquid stream I comprising formic acid and
 - a liquid stream II comprising a metal formate
- are prepared,

10 the liquid streams I and II are fed to a rectification column in such a manner that a higher or identical feed point to the rectification column is chosen for the liquid stream II than for the liquid stream I,

the liquid streams I and II are mixed in the rectification column, with water being removed overhead from the rectification column and

15 a bottoms stream comprising the acid formate is taken off from the rectification column, which comprises the bottoms stream being produced as melt comprising less than 0.5% by weight of water.

(Fig. 1)

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